## 366<sup>th</sup> District Court Collin County Texas

## Standing Order Regarding Appointment of Guardian Ad Litem for Child Support Monitoring and Enforcement.

This Court having found that a necessity exists for the establishment of a procedure to monitor and compel compliance with its Orders regarding support for the children over which this Court has continuing jurisdiction: and

This Court relying upon its constitutional obligation found in Article V section 8 of the Texas Constitution with "general control" over minors and their best interest:

## IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

A. All child support payments, including those pursuant to a withholding order, are Ordered to be payable to and paid to:

Robert T. O'Donnell Guardian Ad Litem P.O. Box 452 McKinney, Texas 75070

and remitted to:

Texas Child Support Disbursement Unit P.O. Box 659791 San Antonio, Texas 78265-9791

Agreements or proposal that child support be paid to some other person or entity will not be permitted, EXCEPT FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN.

- B. All Decrees and orders involving minor children shall provide for the payment of child support. Agreements to the contrary are not permitted, EXCEPT FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN.
- C. All child support payments shall be paid in cash or with a cash instrument, e.g. certified check, cashier's check or money order, unless paid by an employer pursuant to a withholding order or unless the Guardian Ad Litem agrees otherwise in writing.
- D. The guardian Ad Litem shall monitor compliance with the support order, maintain books and records in each account, report compliance and non-compliance to the Court and initiate appropriate procedures to compel compliance with the Court's support orders.

- E. The Guardian Ad Litem is hereby designated a local registry, an officer of the court and an agent of the Court. When working to compel compliance with the Courts order, the guardian is acting for the court to assist the Court in its obligation to enforce its orders.
- F. The Payor in each case shall pay all fees charged by the Guardian Ad Litem.
- G. The Guardian Ad Litem is hereby authorized to contract with outside vendors for services deemed necessary by the Guardian Ad Litem in the discharge of his duties.
- H. The Guardian Ad Litem is hereby authorized to employ attorneys to prosecute for any action the Guardian Ad Litem deems necessary in the discharge of his duties
- I. This Order shall apply to all child support orders and decrees rendered on or after the effective date of this Order.
- J. All child support decrees and orders shall contain language contain in exhibit "Z" which can be obtained in the Clerk's office.
- K. All child support decrees and orders shall contain the following warnings in capitol letters:

"WARNING: WILFUL FAILURE TO TIMELY PAY CHILD SUPPORT AS AND IN THE MANNER ORDERED HEREIN SHALL CONSTITUTE CONTEMPT OF COURT AND MAY RESULT IN A FINE OF UP TO \$500.00, CONFINEMENT IN THE COUNTY JAIL FOR UP TO SIX (6) MONTHS, OR BOTH.

WARNING: UNLESS APPROVED BY THE COURT IN WRITING, AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES REGARDING CHILD SUPPORT WHICH ARE CONTRARY TO, OR IN MODIFICATION OF, THE COURT'S ORDERS HEREIN SHALL NOT BE RECOGNIZED BY THE COURT AND SHALL NEVER BE A DEFENSE TO A MOTION FOR CONTEMPT ALLEDGING FAILURE TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT AS HEREIN ORDERED"

This ORDER shall bec	ome effective on the	day of	2007
Signed this the	day of		2007
	Judge Greg Brewer	366 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Dist	—— rict Court